

## Report

Belarusian Hockey Federation is happy to announce that the coaching course under authority of the International Hockey Federation and International Olympic Committee Olympic Solidarity program and National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Belarus completed with the great success.

More than 40 participants attended from all over Belarus: from the well-known across the hockey Europe cities as Grodno and Brest to fast developing clubs from Smolevichi and Baranovichi and to tiny hockey towns as Bobruisk and Usiazh. Coaches of all levels were attracted: coaches of all national senior, junior, youth teams, all club coaches, young coaches. We were happy to invite coaches from Gomel, the second biggest city in Belarus with population more than 1 million, the city where first Belarus hockey team was collected 28 years ago. Due to their hard work hockey was revived after more than 6 years of collapse and we hope with support of the Governor of Gomel region to lay new artificial pitch in 2007. The whole geography was

- Minsk
- Gomel
- Grodno
- Brest
- Baranovich
- Smolevichi
- Zamostochje
- Usiazh
- Orsha
- Bobruisk

Courses held for 3 days from October 17 till October 19 commencing in 9 o'clock in the morning and finishing after 17 o'clock in the evening. Program included not only the class lectures, watching and analysis of videos of last World Cup in Madrid but as well daily practical sessions with full access to the pitch, small games, 2 vs 1 situations, set pieces etc. Course conductor FIH Master Coach Jose Brasa presented his speech in English, which was simultaneously translated into Russian. Despite the difference in languages - English and Russian - the participants shared and took part in all scheduled activities. More than 20 junior players participated, receiving a class on stick skills from Jose. It was a good experience for all involved, and very adaptable to their realities.

At the end of the course all the group was handed the IOC Olympic Solidarity certificates on the Closing Ceremony.

The course was used to promote hockey through a variety of mass-medias. Course was highlighted through national-wide TV channel CTV and 1st national radio channel. Interview with Jose Brasa was published in national sport newspaper Sportivnaya Panorama, another was broadcasted via the 1st national radio channel.

On behalf of the Belarusian Hockey Federation we would like to thank Tayyab Ikram for his hard work in organization of our course.

Our special thanks to Jose Brasa who had come from sun of Spain to our cold 0°C daily weather and shared all his knowledge and rich hockey experience and made a fantastic course for us.

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